

Mearns FM Monthly Meeting

July 25th 2013

Present – Ken Venters, Peter Greig, Alan Sanderson, Mikey Smith, Kirsty Duncan, Greg Hansen, Carolyn Venters, Ian Hunter.

Apologies – Chris Ann Holt, Steve Holt

Secretary

Annual return completed for Companies House. Email has been sent to all members about letting technical team know if there are transmitter or streaming problems, also with a reminder about emailing to noshow@mearnsfm.org.uk if they are off for any reason. We are waiting HippyNet to get back to us as the problem is at their end with the streaming issues.

Bill Barclay apologised for not being active, he hopes to return before too long. The Board all wish him a speedy recovery.

HR

Billy Styles has moved his show from 8 to 10 Mondays nights to 7 to 9.

There are two potential presenters who are considering training. Daniel Diack who want to host a sports orientated show and Brian xxxxx who has yet to come in for his initial chat.

Jenni Ward has been in touch regarding work experience so I will be meeting her in the next few days.

Two shows have co presenters who have not yet been trained. Chris Holden and Rachel Garden. I am hosting a training session next week on Wednesday evening and hope to get all new people trained then.

There have been several cases of presenters not following procedure by contacting the no show email address when absent. This is being monitored by myself and Mikey and presenters will be notified to follow procedures.

New members will only be charged part of year which is £2.50 a month.

Transmitters

No problems with any of them. Volunteers needed to do some maintenance on the portacabins at the transmitter sites.

Ian to produce written instructions for remote switching of the transmitters and schematics of the set up so that others can undertake work in his absence.

Events

Portlethen Gala on 31st August, still need 1 or 2 volunteers preferably with a big car to move gear. Greg Hansen organising this event.

Harbour Hi Jinks 25th August – joint event by Round Table, Lions and Rotary. Steve and Alan organising this event.

Skateraw Fair – one part of the event was manned but due to a lack of volunteers the second part was not manned and so the decision was made to refund the fee that was paid.

Fireballs – the committee to be contacted proposing that MFM broadcast a live show along the route. If this is accepted volunteers would be needed to set up and man the speaker points.

Social media

Facebook has 794 likes, and 134 Twitter followers.

To post photos and perhaps a video promotion on these sites.

Discussion on using social media to encourage new people into the radio, more members needed as several directors are stepping down. Working on the radio is good to put in a CV.

Ian to speak to a friend about youth engagement.

Scheduling

Greg Hanson has left all presenting duties, therefore Sunday evening is now completely free from 7pm onwards and Monday drivetime is going to be filled temporarily by George Brebner from 4.15pm till 6pm until a new host is found.

This presents us with another problem of a mentor for Jonny Penman as he will not be 18 till September I'm lead to believe what will we do?

Billy is back on air with effect of 29.7.13 from 7pm till 9pm after an absence.

Raymond has informed me he wishes to change his show time from a Thursday evening to possibly a Wednesday morning but I need to confirm that with him once he returns from holiday.

Emily Esson is back with us and will be on every Wednesday from 8pm to 9pm with Emily's Extra. She is currently redrafting her show proposal but we have had a proposal before from her.

I was informed when I asked someone to send a noshow that they had never heard of this procedure and it is news to them, as I pointed out it was in place before I was a director I am just enforcing the rules and stated that from now on they must follow it by sending an email, writing it in the diary is quite simply not satisfactory in my book.

Also

The raffle for harbour hijinks festival is going well we have had £150 donated to the purchase of the first prize which will be an i-pad mini priced at £269 so if anyone knows where we can get the extra

£119 please contact me or Steve. 2nd place prize is a 6 month parking permit for the bon-accord shopping centre thanks to ken for that one and third prize is a set of pearl ear rings donated by Fiona green. We will require other donations to give away. We have £1000 worth of tickets to sell of which each presenter will find an envelope next week with their names on them, please do try to sell the tickets if you cannot sell them you need to return the tickets to us well in advance of the event so we can sell them on the day along with the remaining tickets which haven't been issued to presenters. You need to return the money or money and any remaining tickets to us as soon as possible in a SEALED envelope and leave it in the off air studio for myself or Steve to collect.

Church services need to be updated as they have been repeated several times.

Greg volunteered to sit in with Jonathon Penman.

Politics show on a Friday will not happen.

AOB

Mackie Academy will be back on air after the summer for 2 terms.

Alan Craig is working on a local flood warning system using MFM, Board agreed this was a good plan.

Director vacancies to be posted on social networking sites. Both chairman and treasurer will be stepping down and several others, posts need to be filled to meet charities commission rules.

Reminder that all mentors need to have PVG clearance.

Ian speaking to Probus club in Lawrence Kirk about MFM.

Chris Ann gave sponsor information to Andy as requested.

Ofcom renewal completed by Alan, should be for 5 years.

Carolyn to email members about AGM, reminder for fees and proxy forms.

Finance

We need £800 to get us to the end of this year, we are still desperate for money.

A raffle at the Harbour Hi Jinks has been organised, need donations of cash to buy prizes and donations of prizes. If you can donate please give to Steve or any board member.

Discussions on paying commission to any member for sales of advertising. To be discussed again at next meeting.

We need people who can find and complete grant applications.

Next meeting 22nd August 7.30pm in Town Hall